

### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

5 **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Original) A unitary disposable absorbent article comprising:  
an absorbent core having a garment surface and a body surface;  
a liquid permeable topsheet positioned adjacent said body surface of said absorbent core;  
a liquid impermeable backsheet positioned adjacent said garment surface of said  
absorbent core; and  
an elastically contractible dual cuff having a proximate end and a distal end, said dual cuff  
being joined to said article by a cuff bond, said dual cuff having a first cuff and a  
second cuff, said first cuff being disposed between said proximate end and said cuff  
10 bond, said second cuff being disposed between said cuff bond and said distal end, said  
dual cuff being constructed of a continuous cuff material and enclosed by said cuff  
bond,  
wherein said distal end is formed by said cuff material being folded, wherein said  
proximate end is formed by said cuff material being folded;  
15 wherein said first cuff envelopes at least one first elastic, wherein said first elastic has a  
first and second end, wherein said first elastic is secured to said first cuff near said first  
and second ends;  
wherein said second cuff envelopes at least one second elastic, wherein said second  
elastic has a first and second end, wherein said second elastic is secured to said second  
20 cuff near said first and second ends;  
wherein said first and second cuffs are barrier cuffs.
2. (Original) The absorbent article of claim 1 wherein said first cuff envelopes at least one  
elastic.

3. (Original) The absorbent article of claim 2 wherein said elastic is operatively associated with said first cuff by securing it with an elastic attachment element.
4. (Original) The absorbent article of claim 1 wherein said second cuff envelopes at least one elastic.
5. (Original) The absorbent article of claim 4 wherein said elastic is operatively associated with said second cuff by securing it with an elastic attachment element.
6. (Original) The absorbent article of claim 1 wherein said article is a disposable diaper.
7. (Original) The absorbent article of claim 6 wherein said disposable diaper is a prefastened diaper.
8. (Original) The absorbent article of claim 1 wherein said continuous cuff material is constructed of a lesser-water-permeable material with a more-water-permeable material placed inside said lesser-water-permeable material.
9. (Original) The absorbent article of claim 8 wherein said lesser-water-permeable material is a spunbound material.
10. (Original) The absorbent article of claim 8 wherein said more-water-permeable material is a meltblown material.
11. (Original) The absorbent article of claim 1 wherein said continuous cuff material is constructed of a spunbound-meltblown laminate.
12. (Original) The absorbent article of claim 1 wherein said continuous cuff material is constructed of a series of various materials.

13. (Currently Amended) The absorbent article of claim [[1]] 17 wherein said first cuff stands taller than said second cuff.

14 (Withdrawn). The absorbent article of claim 1 wherein said second cuff stands taller  
5 than said first cuff.

15. (Original) A unitary disposable absorbent article comprising:  
an absorbent core having a garment surface and a body surface;  
a liquid permeable topsheet positioned adjacent said body surface of said absorbent core;  
a liquid impermeable backsheets positioned adjacent said garment surface of said  
absorbent core; and  
an elastically contractible dual cuff having a proximate end and a distal end, said dual cuff  
being joined to said article by a cuff bond, said dual cuff having a first cuff and a  
second cuff, said first cuff being disposed between said proximate end and said cuff  
10 bond, said second cuff being disposed between said cuff bond and said distal end, said  
dual cuff being constructed of a continuous cuff material and enclosed by said cuff  
bond,  
wherein said distal end is formed by said cuff material being folded, wherein said  
proximate end is formed by said cuff material being folded;  
15 wherein said first cuff envelopes at least one first elastic, wherein said first elastic has a  
first and second end, wherein said first elastic is secured to said first cuff near said first  
and second ends;  
wherein said second cuff envelopes at least one second elastic, wherein said second  
elastic has a first and second end, wherein said second elastic is secured to said second  
20 cuff near said first and second ends;  
wherein said dual cuff is bonded to said article by a single bond.

16. (Original) The absorbent article of claim 15 wherein said single bond is said cuff bond.

17. (New) The absorbent article of claim 1 wherein one of said first and second cuffs stands taller than the other cuff.